

## FARM AND HOUSEHOLD.

**Transplanting.**  
Young plants are usually transplanted in a wet time or, if convenient just before a rain. When the requisite rain cannot be had at the proper season, it is common to transplant and water them; that is, pour water around the roots after the plants have been set. And it is best when the water has soaked down to take on a layer of dry soil to prevent baking or speedy evaporation.

Transplanting in a dry time should always be performed late of an evening to give the plants the benefit of as long a time as possible without exposure to sunshine. Most plants will have started to grow within twelve hours from the time of putting out and then they are safe enough. But when this is not the case, as shown by wilting, it will be best to favor most tender plants with a shade through the first day.

Many persons object to prefer a dry time and the foregoing process for setting our plants, and some go even further and recommend not only a dry time, but also transplanting without watering the roots. Peter Henderson, the New Jersey gardener, and author of "Gardening for Profit," dips his plants in water and then sets them in the dry soil, tramping it tightly around them with the foot. He says, page 81:

"Instead of 'padding' the roots in mud, we prefer to keep the plants dripping wet during the whole time of planting, so that each plant, as it is put in the soil, paddles itself by the particles of soil adhering to the wet root. Besides, the leaves of the plant being wet, will for some time, resist the action of the dry air."

**A Perfect Horse.**—One who is considered as authority in horse matters, states that a perfect horse is one about fifteen and half or sixteen hands high; a lengthy arched neck, sharp pointed ears; a large, full hazel eye; broad between them; not too long a face, but a straight one; a large, open nostril; a strong under jaw to support his foot well; a good, round body; a big, full chest; large around the girth, denoting plenty of lung power; thin withers, and an animal standing erect on his four legs. Such animals, it should be the object of breeders to produce, and this requires both judgment and care.

In California cream is placed in a thick linen cloth, and put in a hole in the sand dug for the purpose. It is then covered up with the sand and a board placed over it. The next morning, when removed, it comes out as fine butter as ever was taken from a churn. It requires but little working, as the earth absorbs nearly every particle of milk. It is now five days, says one who witnessed the process, and the butter is just as sweet and solid as butter can be.

Persons who have not been in the habit of drinking buttermilk consider it disagreeable, because slightly acid, in consequence of the presence of lactic acid. There is not much nourishment in buttermilk, but the presence of the lactic acid assists the digestion of any food taken with it. The Welsh peasants almost live upon oat cake and buttermilk. Invalids suffering from indigestion will do well to drink buttermilk at meal times.

To show how useful farmer's clubs are, it was stated in a recent meeting of the farmers club of Fayette county, Kentucky, that hundreds of dollars had been saved to the farmers of Fayette by an investigation into a proposed hog cholera cure by a committee appointed by the club. They rejected the remedy, and their researches enabled them to propose another, which proved very successful.

The Hickman (Ky.) Courier learns that Buffalo gnats are far worse than ever known before in the Madrid Bend country. In one neighborhood some 15 or 20 plow horses have been killed by them. Our informant represents them as fearful. They put horses and cattle through on quick time.

Mothers will be interested to know that turpentine is a sovereign remedy for croup. Saturate a piece of flannel with it, and place the flannel on the throat and chest. In very severe cases, from three to five drops on a lump of sugar may be taken inwardly.

Onions are said to be an admirable food for fowls, or rather an adjunct to the ordinary food. If given regularly it is said, they will prevent the attacks of the more ordinary diseases of poultry.

An Ohio paper tells of a woman who washed her children's heads with modern whisky to kill nits. Her boys are well now, but their heads are as smooth as billiard balls.

The Giles county Press says the farmers are beginning to plant cotton at last in all portions of the county. They are unusually late on account of the heavy spring rains.

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